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INTRODUCTION

At the meeting of the Land Use Committee for Boston State Hospital on January 8, 1973, the Boston Redevelopment Authority was requested to compile all available information pertaining to current development proposals being considered for lands at Boston State Hospital.

This report and its accompanying maps contains information on seven proposals. Some are in the advanced phases of planning, while others are still in the early discussion stages. None, however, have reached the final approval or construction points. Thus, it appears at this point in time that the Committee still has an opportunity to influence decisions governing each proposal.

The intention of this report, then, is to provide a base of information, such that the Committee can make an intelligent evaluation of each proposal and determine what other possibilities exist for using this land in a manner best suited to satisfying the needs of the surrounding neighborhoods and the City as well as the institutions in the area.

Boston State Hospital (including St. Michael's Cemetery) has a total of 242 acres. It is estimated that 163 acres of this total can be considered potential development areas, while 79 acres are not available for reuse or new development. The seven current proposals outlined on the following pages are proposed on no more than 73 acres of Boston State Hospital land, considerably less than total acreage available for potential development.

CURRENT PROPOSALS

1. Project: Community School
Acres: Approximately 10
Proposed by: City of Boston - Public Facilities Dept. (PFD)
and Boston School Dept. (BSD)
Project
Description: Community School to replace the existing Paine
School Annex (which may be forced to close at
the end of the 1973 academic year) and eventually
the Paine and Audabon Schools.
Status: Uncertain because of the city-wide unresolved
racial imbalance question relating to redistricting.
COB/PFD Contact: Peter Scarpignato, PFD, Tel. 722-4100
BSD Contact: Robert Murray, Tel. 423-7323
2. Project: Retardation Center
Acres: Approximately 22
Proposed by: Department of Mental Health
Project
Description: Retardation Center, consisting of a new school,
sheltered workshops, auditorium, recreation and
cafeteria building, administration building and
three cottages for patients and employees.
Status: In final planning; to be reviewed by the Department
of Human Services, which is the approving agency.
If DHS approves, then final approval and appropria-
tion by the State Legislature is required. (This
proposal may be in conflict with proposal #5 below).
DMH Contacts: Dr. John Schott, Tel. 436-0166
Dr. Robert Romano, Tel. 288-5891
3. Project: Maintenance Garage
Acres: Approximately 8
Proposed by: Metropolitan District Commission (MDC)
Project
Description: 2-story (600 ft. long) structure for the storage
and maintenance of MDC vehicles.
Status: Questions of legality pertaining to control of the
land remain to be resolved by the Attorney General
of the Commonwealth. These questions focus of
1971 State legislation (Chapter 1116 of the Acts
of 1971) which authorized the transfer of approxi-
mately 24.5 acres of Youth Service Board controlled
land to MDC, for a maintenance garage. (This proposal
may be in conflict with proposal #7 below.)
MDC Contact: Edward Kilroy, Tel. 727-5295
YSB Contact: Joseph Leavey, Asst. Commissioner, Tel. 727-7612
4. Project: Detention Center
Acres: Approximately 2-3
Proposed by: Department of Mental Health

- Project
Description: Detention Center within one building including 100 beds, administrative offices, dining room, gym and vocational training.
- Status: A legislative bill for a \$5 million appropriation to construct the Detention Center was submitted to the legislature several times over the past several years. Each time it failed to receive approval.
- DMH Contact: Dr. McGarry (Division of Legal Medicine)
Tel. 727-4540
5. Project: Community Recreation Area
Acres: Approximately 4
Proposed by: Boston State Hospital, Neighborhood Center (L Building) and Lena Park Community Development Corporation
- Project
Description: Recreation area including tot lot, ballfield, basketball and tennis courts, and outdoor skating area.
- Status: In discussion stage; BSH has approved the idea in concept in letter of January 24, 1972, from Myron R. Sharaf to the Lena Park CDC. (This proposal may be in conflict with proposal #2 above.)
6. Project: Housing for the Elderly and the Handicapped (Site A)
Acres: Approximately 17
Proposed by: Dept. of Mental Health, Dept. of Community Affairs, Boston Housing Authority
- Project
Description: Housing to be developed under two State Programs (705 and 667)
705 Program - largely for families with a substantial number of units for handicapped persons.
667 Program - for elderly, retarded and handicapped persons to include approximately 25% discharged patients from BSH who require some staff care to avoid commitment.
- Status: In discussion stage.
DMH Contact: Lawrence Schiff, Phd; Tel. GE6-6000
DCA Contact: Constance Williams; Tel 727-3242
BHA Contact: Stephen Demos; Tel. 542-6450
7. Project: Housing for the Elderly and the Handicapped (Site B)
Acres: Approximately 15-23
Proposed by: Dept. of Mental Health, Dept. of Community Affairs, Boston Housing Authority
- Proposed
Description: This proposal consists of a complex of 12 separate buildings containing housing for a total of 144 elderly and handicapped residents. The project

will be developed under the State's 667 program and will contain common dining and living areas as well as accessory commercial services. It is anticipated that Canterbury House will be included as one of the 12 buildings.

Status:

In discussion stage; (This proposal may be in conflict with proposal #3 above).

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